House Resolution No. 131

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

Whereas, Howard Breen, an esteemed resident of Kansas City, Missouri, is the 2003 Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce "Northlander of the Year"; and

Whereas, a founding member of the Platte County Business and Professional Association (BPA), Howard Breen has compiled an enviable list of service to his community as a Trustee of Park College (Park University), Founder and Director of Farmer's Exchange Bank (Park Bank), Commissioner of Platte County Board of Zoning Adjustment, Director and past Chairman of the American Public Transportation Association, and member of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the BPA 1990 Citizen of the Year, Howard Breen is exceedingly proud of the important roles he has played as Director of the Platte County Sheltered Facilities Workshop, Platte County Industrial Development Authority, Platte County Economic Development Corporation, and the Platte County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled; and

Whereas, a former Chairman of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority where he served in the position of Director for thirty-five years, Howard Breen holds distinction as the first President of Spelman/St. Luke's Hospital (Saint Luke's Northland-Barry Road), and as the Director of Spelman Memorial Hospital (Saint Luke's Northland Hospital) for twenty years; and

Whereas, the proud owner of Breen Development Company, Howard Breen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Bethene, and his four children, Sarah Noreen, Susan Silvey, C. Patrick Breen, and Laura Nevitt:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Howard Breen upon his most worthy receipt of the 2003 Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Northlander of the Year award, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2003 Northlander of the Year, Howard Breen of Kansas City, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 131, adopted January 21, 2004.